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Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed information is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Hypo Real Estate Holding (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder.

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Very truly yours,

Martina Peterhoffen

Head of Group Corporate Office

Enclosure

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Press Release

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Hypo Real Estate Bank AG Transfers Portfolio Of Approximately EUR 600 million

- "True sale" of residential properties for private individuals
- A further step in concentrating on core business

Munich, December 18, 2003: Hypo Real Estate Bank AG (HRE) transfers a non-strategic portfolio of residential property loans to Allgemeine Hypothekenbank Rheinboden AG in Frankfurt am Main, under an agreement signed today. The portfolio consisting of 5,800 loans to private individuals totals approximately €600 million. HRE and Allgemeine Hypothekenbank Rheinboden have agreed to keep the details of the transaction confidential.

The loan portfolio is composed entirely of loans to customers with good credit (known as "performing loans"). The transfer is part of HRE's ongoing restructuring program, under which residential loans to retail customers are no longer viewed as part of the bank's core business. The transaction is a "true sale" in which the collateral furnished to HRE is also transferred to the buyer. This is HRE's first "true sale" of performing loans in Germany. HVB AG Corporates & Markets acted as arranger of the transaction.

"This transaction is attractive for us and maintains the rapid pace of reconstruction at Hypo Germany," commented Johann Berger, spokesman of HRE's Board of Management.

"We're continuing our announced melting down of our portfolio in Germany. The equity this frees up can now be focused on

the core business of the Hypo Real Estate Group – highly profitable international commercial real estate finance R transactions."

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The completion of the transaction is planned for spring 2004. The former HRE customers will be able to benefit in the future from the advantages of a real-estate lender that numbers residential loans for private individuals among its core competencies.

Hypo Real Estate Bank AG

Hypo Real Estate Bank AG, Munich, is a member of Hypo Real Estate Group (HREG). Hypo Real Estate Group (HREG) is one of Europe's largest providers of commercial real estate financing. However, neither the private residential mortgage business nor public-sector lending are included in its core business activities. HREG consists of the non-operational, listed holding company Hypo Real Estate Holding AG, domiciled in Munich, and three operational business units: besides Hypo Real Estate Bank AG Deutschland domiciled in Munich, these are Hypo Real Estate Bank International with headquarters in Dublin and Württembergische Hypothekenbank AG (WürttHyp) with headquarters in Stuttgart.

The new bank's business model is cash-flow oriented and transaction controlled. That means that every transaction is considered individually and accepted or rejected on its own merits. There are no fixed rulings on industries, sites or real estate locations. Profitability and risk management take precedence; market share considerations and volume play a subordinate role.

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